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Toc H members accept a four-fold commitment: 1. to build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man; 2. to give personal service; 3. to find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others; 4. to work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God. This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points—to think fairly.

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On the cover

With news recently of two climbers falling from ice covered cliffs in Scotland, our January cover is a grim reminder of the annual toll of lives in winter and of the unpublicised efforts of those who form the rescue services. These older Scouts are organised into a mountain rescue service and answer calls for help in the most trying conditions. You can read more about the Scouts' community role on page 10.

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Apology

We apologise for the late delivery of this issue of *Point Three*. This is due to the extensive power cuts in December and is beyond the control either of our printers or of ourselves.

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viewpoint

Thanks for the tanner, but . . .

The acceptance by the Central Council, without dissent, of a resolution pledging support for gipsies in their campaign to secure adequate caravan sites may not in itself be an event of earth-shattering importance. It is, however, significant because it underlines the fact that our claim to stand for the importance of the individual has social and political consequences that cannot be ignored.

We are not, and I hope we never will be, a Movement that jumps on the bandwagons of fashionable causes, or passes resolutions to salve its conscience. We are, and I trust will always be, doers rather than talkers. The fact remains that when the Christian ideals for which we stand are threatened in the name of expediency, we must be prepared to fight publicly for them. There are times when to speak out for the Christian values we profess is our plain and urgent duty. The response of some local authorities to the Act requiring them to provide caravan sites for gipsies seemed to the Council to be one such case. There are others.

Stories of "shuttlecock Asians" have become so familiar that we can too easily forget that these people are human beings. To treat human beings in this way is a flat denial of our claim to be a civilised nation, and is totally repugnant to the Christian conscience.

The poverty and squalor that persist in Britain, an obscene blot on our affluent society, is another situation where we cannot sit back and join the "silent majority". Of course we're all delighted at the prospect of a cut in our income tax. A tanner off income tax is the most universally popular of political slogans. But if, as seems to be the case, this can only be achieved at the expense of the poor then we have to say that the cost is too high. To push yet more people below the poverty line in order to create a bonanza for the rich, is unacceptable. We'll be glad to have the 6d., but not at this price.

As Christians and members of Toc H we are committed to the building of the Kingdom of God. We are committed to the attempt to live by Christ's law of love. We are committed to see all men as children of one Father and fellow heirs of the Kingdom. It is primarily in small groups that this commitment can be lived out, that relationships can be built. But the commitment also implies an attitude to society as a whole. It involves an attempt to create a compassionate society, rather than a competitive society. It involves an attempt to create a society based on unselfishness, rather than on increased incentives.

To many this will seem to be just impractical dreaming. Right from the first the Christian teaching was dismissed as mere foolishness. Man, it is said, is by nature an aggressive, competitive animal. And this is precisely why it is important for those of us who believe in the Christian view of man to be prepared to speak out. Those who believe that poverty is a scandal, that minorities have rights which must be protected, that the individual is of supreme importance, must be prepared to stand up and be counted. And a completely independent, non-political body like Toc H could, perhaps, have more impact than we realise.

K.P-B.

Mini-handi bonanza at Weybridge

Photos Bob Broeder

The only people sitting down were those confined to wheelchairs. Volunteers came from youth clubs, volunteer groups, Red Cross Youth, St John Ambulance Brigade and local churches.

Andy Blacker making a date with Lindsay Young from Woodlarks Shelter Workshop.

That balloon, when it arrives, is mine.

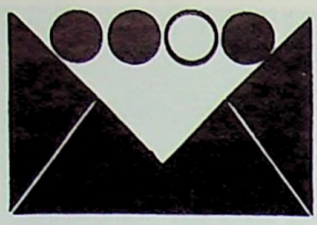
Take a Jimmy Savile idea, a hundred handicapped teenagers, guitars, drums and Go-Go dancer, lots of food, willing volunteers and the guiding hand of Fred Lewsey from Weybridge Toc H and you have a ball that makes Cinderella look like a village gig.

Above. Grant's Tomb who provided the music.

A wide array of eats and drink were provided by Toc H ladies, assisted by Brooklands Technical College (who also provided the venue) and the National College of Food Technology. Nearby companies provided gifts of food and spot prizes.

Just to prove you can dance in a wheelchair.

The Go-Go dancer who did more to relax shyness than anybody.



Hospital radio programmes

I am sure there are many branches which in one way or another have some connection with hospital radio programmes. I would therefore like to propose that consideration be given to the formation of a 'Radio Network Guild of Toc H' to enable (a) the exchange of ideas and equipment, (b) collaboration of projects and (c) exchange of personnel.

I would also suggest that the proposed guild be instrumental in advising branches of the possibilities of forming Toc H radio studios at local hospitals. I am extremely interested in the furtherance of Toc H radio programmes throughout the country and would be pleased to advise any branch on the problems—and the enjoyment—they are likely to encounter. I started Radio Toc H at Hither Green hospital on the slim budget of £25. We now have a splendidly equipped and furnished studio which I estimate is valued at over £500, and not a single record has had to be purchased! Come on Toc H—have a go—start the idea of radio Toc H in your branch, and count on me for full support. I look forward to seeing the response.

Norman Dean *Lee, London*

The idea of radio groups linked as a national workshop is an excellent one and we welcome it. Norman Dean and Huw Gibbs would be interested to hear other views about its formation.

Mini handi dance

The success of Weybridge branch mini-handi dance was most rewarding. One of the handicapped club leaders told me that it had given her new hope to realise the wide scope available for the entertainment of her members. We in Weybridge hope that other branches will follow our example and hold similar events. It was lots of fun for everybody and because of the generous support received, the cost to the branch was virtually nil.

Frederick Lewsey *Weybridge*

The booklet *How to organise a Jimmy Savile Mini Handi Record Session* **is available from Toc H Publications, price 1s. 6d.**

Pig Bashing

I have no means of testing the sincerity of those Christians who hold public protests over such issues as the supply of arms to South Africa. Unfortunately the anarchists look upon these protests as a heaven sent opportunity to indulge in a little "pig bashing".

My own work involves the handling of large amounts of money, so I never know when I shall desperately need such help and protection as the "pigs" can give. Unfortunately, since the inauguration of the "permissive society", many of my colleagues have been brutally attacked, only last week one was shot in the stomach. The Anglican Bishops voted for the "permissive society", but they failed to realise what would be the outcome of their legislation. In any case I cannot see how those Christians who supplied the Nigerian generals with arms during the recent war, can now condemn the supply of arms to South Africa. Those who deal in death cannot be selective in their moral condemnations.

Frank Read *Torquay*

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welcome point

The following branches elected new members during November:

8—Dundee (j).

7—Criccieth (m), Grainthorpe (j).

4—Orpington (w).

3—Boscombe (m), E.C. & Tower Hill (w), Sleaford (w).

2—Acton & Garden Village (m), Chepstow (w), East Sheppey (w), Greathouse (j), Hemel Hempstead (w), Maidstone (m), Mold (w), Rhiwbina (m), Santiago (w), Stony Stratford & Wolverton (w), Weymouth (w), Woking (j), Westminster (j).

1—Bakewell (j), Barkingside (m), Bebington (m), Bedlington (m), Blackburn (m), Central (w), Cheltenham (w), Congleton (m), Corsham (w), Crediton (m), Dartford (w), Ealing (w), Holme Valley (w), Horncastle (m), Ickenham & Uxbridge (w), Melrose (m), Moseley (j), Northallerton (m), Ripley (m), Shavington (m), Slough (j), Solihull (m), South Petherton (m), Strode Park & Herne (m).

We extend a warm welcome to the 85 new members.

That Retirement Holiday

Kathleen Gibson

I retired from my job as a medical secretary, and spent six months touring around East and South Africa. Then came the opportunity to do three months' voluntary work in a mission hospital. After two days on the lake steamer and a journey in the dark by Landrover up a bumpy road with 20 hairpin bends, I arrived at Livingstonia.

Seen the next day the scenery was breathtaking; from many vantage points on the plateau one looks down on to the lake about six miles away and 3,000 feet below; and between the lake and the plateau are thickly wooded hills, and a valley with rice fields, dotted with neat little African villages, surrounded by cultivated plots of maize, cassava, bananas and groundnuts.

But that's not all: to north, south and west mountains rise above the plateau, some craggy, others green clad and gentle, fold upon fold. And the plateau roads are beautiful, too, with pine trees against red earth.

I'm kept pretty busy in the hospital—they haven't had a secretary before. But in my off-duty time I go for walks, picnics, an occasional trip down to the lakeshore; and have frequent invitations to visit the other Europeans on the mission station.

Except for the doctor and sister, the hospital staff are Malawian, as also are the executive members of the mission, and many of the teachers (there is a primary, secondary and technical school). It has been a pleasure in itself to have this closer contact with the fascinating people of this country, which one does not have in merely passing through.

After working in a hospital under the Health Service the contrast is immense—it is heart-breaking to see the shortages of equipment and drugs. The churches supporting the mission are contributing to the utmost, but money can only be stretched so far. Fees are charged, but are very low—the average wage is about 2s. 6d. a day. There is a constant shortage of blankets, and of clothes for the patients, many of whom suffer in the winter at this altitude because of insufficient clothing. Good work is done at the hospital, with its 82 beds (and some patients on the floor!) and clinics are taken each week to surrounding villages.

In spite of the spectacular scenery I encountered in the other African countries, and the interest of the nine game reserves I visited, I count my stay here the biggest experience of the whole tour.

I am sure there must be mission hospitals throughout the world which would welcome this kind of help (although some countries are hampered by work permits, even for voluntary work) and I can thoroughly recommend the experience. Living is usually cheap: but don't expect any luxuries—except for domestic help, which is plentiful and cheap, but sometimes frustrating. There is unlikely to be television, or a daily paper, and atmospherics often interfere with the radio. But most of the missions seem to be situated in beautiful country and if you are content with simple pleasures, this is for you.

Talbot House, Poperinge

No doubt many members will already have heard that Angèle, who has been housekeeper at the Old House in Poperinge for some years, will be retiring at the end of March, when her State pension is due to her. I feel sure those who know Angèle and her husband, Sylvain, and the good work they have done together, would like to join with the Friends of the Old House in contributing towards a present for them. Cheques and postal orders to be made payable to "Friends of the Old House". Please send your contributions direct to me, Mrs. Gwen Tett, 23 Money Hill Road, Rickmansworth, Herts.

talking point—a new monthly column

Bob Knight

This column will try to provide three things each month. The theme of a book worth reading (sometimes a new book and sometimes a not-so-new), a talking point for discussion, and I hope will expose in one way or another the Christian basis of Toc H.

If nothing else this Movement is a mixture of people. Members and associates (I undertook to work that word in somewhere) give a variety of reasons for joining in with Toc H. A young Marksman asked for help to find him something to do for somebody else "or I shall go round the bend," he said. Toc H as an escape route from insanity has distinct possibilities. Perhaps we could persuade some people to see us like that. Unfortunately HQ has been affectionately called "the mad house" for many years, so some of us do not escape altogether. An older man described Toc H as his charity work. There are people I know in Toc H who would be as uncomfortable with that phrase as "he" would be with an invitation to escape from insanity. We are a stimulating mixture. Try choosing several groups of 30 men and women in Toc H who, if brought together in one place for a weekend, would never forget it. It is a happy exercise.

Such a group met at Woking a year ago. It was deliberately convened: old guard in the local branches and the *avant garde* in Projects. For the first session we naturally formed two semi-circles which met on one side where I sat, and opposite me a Toc H member and his daughter sat side by side. At lunch time people were asking honest questions, and when we resumed in the afternoon we had just as naturally reformed with the old and the new intermingled. That was the culmination of five years' quiet persistence in a policy aimed to enrich the mixture in Toc H.

This is being repeated in other places. Any branch or District where it is not yet happening could do worse than read *Stirring the Mixture* and get on to the Projects network in their Region. If they don't know how to do this, they should write to John Burgess at headquarters.

Alec Churcher's book has the recipe for the full meal of Toc H including an appendix on p. 79 which should be compulsory reading for any leader of Toc H. Its title is *Some Questions for Branch Executives about Mixture.*

The thing Jesus was after could be experienced only in a potentially explosive group like the first 12 men he chose. Because there were occasional explosions, everybody saw everybody else in a stronger light from time to time. Once the smoke cleared away they never looked at one another in quite the same way again. Being British we regard self control as one of the supreme virtues. After all, our climate requires a stiff upper lip if we are to survive in it. But self control may become possible only by opting out of the group for a week or two or avoiding a particular topic in conversation in public or private. "Games people play" is an apt description of this technique. This particular game is designed to ensure that ultimately there shall be no deep convictions about anything for anybody which can be actually mentioned lest the balloon should go up. We fear if that should happen the end of friendship would be in sight. If it were to happen in a branch, it would inevitably fold up. But does it? There are many Toc H branches and individual friendships in which the balloon has "gone up" more than once. Their liveliness and depth of conviction is as strong as it is because they have found a means of clearing away the smoke and seeing one another in a different way. They know what it is to go through this.

I am not calling for shouting matches (less still shooting matches). We could, however, afford more meeting of people from different backgrounds, more talking to one another honestly, with a forgiving spirit, and be stronger rather than weaker at the end of the day. We would have clearer appreciation of the "fourth dimension" of Toc H.

Stirring the Mixture, by Alec Churcher, pubd. by Toc H. Price 2s. 6d.

Remember

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 - 25

Leaflets containing prayers and discussion material for use in connection with the Week are available from the British Council of Churches, 10 Eaton Gate, London, SW1, price 17s. 6d. per 100.

D Day - No need to worry

Noel Moore, *Secretary, Decimal Currency Board*

Research shows that eight out of ten shops will go decimal on D Day, Monday February 15, 1971, or soon afterwards, and most shoppers will quickly adjust to the new money. Nevertheless, some people—especially amongst the elderly—are worried about whether they will be able to understand it.

The word "decimal" itself perturbs some people, especially if they found mathematics a headache at school. But "decimal" just means counting our money in tens and hundreds instead of in twelves and twenties as we do now. The changeover is going to simplify money sums in offices, shops and schools—and really that is why we are adopting the new system.

Some people seem to think that we are going to adopt the metric system of weights and measures at the same time as we "go decimal" but this is not so. There is no question of housewives going shopping on D Day for half a kilo of butter or three metres of material and having to cope with unfamiliar money at the same time!

What, then, is the new system? First, the £ itself is not changing. But from D Day our £, instead of being divided as now into 20 shillings or 240 pennies, will be made up of 100 new pennies—no shillings. We shall simply change from £sd to £p (pounds and new pence). Each new penny (p) will be worth more than twice the old £sd penny (d).

There will be six decimal coins, and the three "silver" ones are already in circulation—the seven-sided 50p which has replaced the ten shilling note, the 10p which we have used for some time as a florin, and the 5p which is familiar to everyone as a shilling. On D Day, therefore, we shall only have to come to terms with the three new decimal "coppers", the ½p, 1p and 2p. Already 3,400 million of these coins have been minted—62 for every person in Britain. You will simply go shopping with your existing money and receive them in change.

In practice all this will be far less complicated than it may sound. Shops will trade in one currency or the other, *not both*. They will be £sd shops or decimal shops. The banks, Giro and the Post Office will go decimal immediately on D Day, and the vast majority of shops will do so on that day or soon after. Decimal shops will give change only in decimal coins or in the "silver" £sd coins which are exactly the same as decimal ones, and they will return £sd low value coins to the banks. This means that very soon most people will have used up their old pennies and threepenny bits and will have only new money to shop with, even though the old coins are still legal tender.

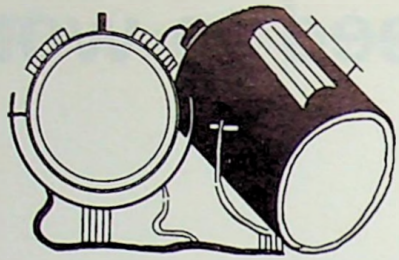
Some people, of course, are convinced that prices will go up because of decimal currency. The Board maintain that there is no reason why the change should cause an overall rise in the cost of living although sometimes it may be blamed for price increases when other factors are really the cause. Many retailing organisations have already announced that they will play fair with their customers by using the Shoppers' table. It is evident, too, that manufacturers and others are adjusting the packaging and content of their goods to give the same value as before.

But the best safeguard on prices is the intense competition in our High Streets, coupled with the goodwill of the trading community, the shopping expertise and common sense of housewives, and the vigilance of the press.

Square One

Toc H folk have the capacity to feel deeply and to react quickly to the sorrows and joys of many people, and they are not ashamed to express it.

Toc H Journal, Nov. 1927



spotlight on Scarborough

Ernest Calvert

No two members could draw "in words" the same profile of any branch of Toc H. Nor can I adequately sketch a picture of Scarborough branch—past and present. What made, and still makes it tick? The personalities who have served and those who still serve in it. Is there an end product to such enterprise? An urge to social service as "the rent we pay for our room on earth" is assuredly the spark that ignites such endeavour. The origin of this impulse lies deeper in spiritual awareness, in Christian caring and the joy of helpful giving.

Our history is written deep in the life of this town. Lawrence Binyon's immortal words "To the Fallen" do not suffice. I often take "Light" with St. Paul in Hebrews 11, adding the citations of those of our company "who grow not old as we". But who now has interest in their achievements? Better address ourselves objectively to today's activities and thinking—perchance to glimpse the visions and hopes of tomorrow.

That banner with the strange device "Excelsior"—or as some would interpret it, extension—still flutters above, though so many have long since maintained that the medium of Toc H is unattractive to the rising generation. Lustily we sing the old song "Ten Little Nigger Boys:—Then there were six". But six little nigger boys still with skills in navigating library trolleys through the wards of Scarborough hospital (these wheels have rolled continuously for over 30 years). Six little nigger boys who care for the aged in homes and hospital, who actively participate in forums on social service, in Christian thought and action groups. Please not to forget Dr. Barnardo's, the Elizabeth Fry Home for problem mothers, the bringing of pleasure into homes where the lonely dwell—the personal service only limited by physical capacity.

Will Toc H survive hereabouts? Inevitably the torch must pass to new hands, we have carried it awhile. Each generation must run its own lap in the relay, finding its own methods and expression. In contacting Toc H we note this new generation has caught a whiff of Poperinge, the Old House, wars and such, declaring emphatically something has "gone off"—out-dated and "fusty".

But, not discouraged, we, who have lived through the pleasures and bitterness of the years, find vision in experience. Through the mists of today's uncertainties we see the vision splendid on the horizon.

notices

Radio Appeal contributions reached a total of £2,730. Compared with the results of many recent appeals, Toc H did extremely well. Our thanks to everyone who worked so hard.

"In the Steps of St. Paul". A 16 day tour, arranged by Orientours, leader John Callf. Flying out and back. Coach tours from hotels in Izmir and Athens, visiting Ephesus, Pergamum, Laodicea, Corinth, Philippi, Thessalonica, etc, etc. Cost £160. Details and brochure from John Callf, 133 High Street, Broadway, Worcs.

personality point

John Forbes

Unusual introductions to the Movement are legion, but none can be more memorable than John's, who claims that he became interested while washing up egg and chip plates at the Services Club, Belfast, in 1944. He joined Kings Norton branch in 1947. Married with one son, who, incidentally, is a skilled wood worker, he, and his wife are Quakers.

Since 1942 John has worked with Cadbury Bros., gaining useful experience in display work, lecturing and public relations technique, and for the past nine years he has specialised in school lecturing, initiating social study projects on world harvesting, dairy farming and chocolate making. He also trained others for public speaking, an attribute neglected by many whose duties entail talking publicly.

John is a listener who can absorb people's characters as well as words, and react accordingly. He hopes to put his skills to good use and claims that opportunities are already "in view".

Hilary Geater

Having spent the previous year teaching at a junior school in Nottingham, Hilary came onto the full time staff last August to undertake work with schools and projects in Birmingham and the Midland Region.

A lively 22 year old she takes devilish delight in talking about her work among homeless men, particularly to those who may find the idea of a young lady visiting dossers in derelict houses a trifle distasteful.

She trained for the teaching profession at Loughborough College of Education, where she became secretary of the Social Action Group.

Since joining the staff she has organised classes for gipsy children, redecorating projects, survey work on dossers, and enjoys discussion weekends at Dor Knap and Alison House.

Christine Page

Working for a year with CSV at a Liverpool comprehensive school was the turning point in 20 year old Christine's life. It was then that she realised that she wanted to devote her working life to "children in the community set-up of so-called 'down town' areas".

The opportunity to join Toc H Bristol as a full time Volunteer to help organise play schemes strengthened her conviction and her approach to the job, completely different to that of her predecessor, the likeable Liz Murray, has added more zest and pace to the project.

Her ambition is to obtain a qualification in social work and to carry on working with children ; "not in an institution but at their level in their own environment".

producing better citizens

Helen Gardner of the Scout Association head-quarters writes about some of the ways in which Britain's half-a-million Scouts serve the community.

The underlying principles of Toc H and the Scout Movement have much in common. As Toc H is firmly based in Christianity, so all Scouts are expected to follow a religious faith. In the same way that Toc H members accept their four-fold commitment, Scouts, on joining the Movement, undertake a personal promise to do their best to do their duty to God and the Queen ; to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

Scouting's aim is to produce better citizens. It provides opportunities for developing those qualities of character most valuable to the community—honour, self-discipline and self-reliance—a sense of duty and respect for others. Naturally, Scouting means fun too, with a wide variety of adventurous activities ; otherwise, boys would not join. As far as possible, Scout activities take place in the open air. Camping, pioneering, hiking, nature study and first aid have always been popular and, in more recent years, such pursuits as sailing, canoeing, gliding, caving, mountaineering, ski-ing and expeditions abroad have been taken up enthusiastically by ever-increasing numbers.

The ways in which Scouts serve the community can be loosely divided into four main sections : helping people, raising money, service to the public at large and emergency operations.

The old, the handicapped and the underprivileged can be aided by the Scouts in a great number of ways. Venture Scouts (the 16-20 age group) from Corby conducted their own town survey on behalf of local people confined to wheelchairs. They visited all the popular public places such as cinemas, restaurants and bingo halls, then presented the authorities with a report on these places' accessibility to wheelchairs.

More Venture Scouts from Redditch, Worcs., visited an experimental unit for blind, deaf, dumb and mentally handicapped children at a local hospital. They felt they ought to do something, and so they built an

A casualty is brought to safety by Venture Scouts who specialise in rescue operations.

As well as being equipped to deal with major emergencies, the Moatsedge Team from South London also provides regular service to organisations and individuals in the community.

Photos: The Scout Association

adventure playground for the unit. Even the youngest boys—the Cub Scouts (aged eight to ten) can do their bit. A Cub Scout Pack in Berkshire sends two boys every Saturday morning to a nearby old people's home to run errands for the residents. The old folk invariably "treat" the boys for this, but the lads at their own request put this aside to buy flowers for the home at Christmas. Winter lost some of its sting in Huyton Quarry near Prescott, thanks to a Pack of Cubs who got out their knitting needles and knitted hundreds of squares to make woollen blankets for local people in need.

Scouts of all ages, and their leaders, can all take part in providing entertainment for others. Concerts, film evenings, Gang Shows, coach outings and special shopping expeditions for the handicapped are often provided by active Groups. And chores, such as decorating, gardening and wood-chopping, are not only undertaken in Scout Job Week.

Another way in which Scouts help the less fortunate is by raising money for various charities. Sponsored walks are now a regular feature of the country scene, but not many walkers could match the stamina of a young Queen's Scout, Alan Keymer, from Cardiff, who trekked 900 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats to raise money for spina bifida children in South Wales. Variations on the same theme include sponsored swims, pram-pushing races and non-stop handbell ringing and table tennis (in both cases creating new world records).

Other fund-raising projects undertaken by Groups have been the collection of halfpennies before they became obsolete, postage stamps and silver paper. In one concentrated effort, Britain's Cub Scouts once collected about 200-million bottle-tops—enough to buy 23 guide dogs for the blind.

Teams of Scouts are particularly suitable for work concerned with conservation ; especially in 1970 European Conservation Year. In Sutton, they redecorated a dilapidated RSPCA clinic ; and in Halifax they cleaned out the old prison, which is to be preserved for its historic value. All over the country they are often asked by the local authorities to undertake clean-up operations. Woodlands, picnic sites, bus shelters and churchyards are all likely targets. They are useful for large-scale operations such as town-surveys or road safety campaigns. Providing a more personal service, two Scouts from Lambeth collected and disposed of rubbish for local old people during a strike of dustmen in the area.

Ranger Guides (the older members of the Girl Guide Movement) and Venture Scouts in Leicester run a daily dolls' hospital to receive and mend broken toys—then send them off with a new lease of life to needy children.

There is yet another section of community service undertaken by Scouts, and that is providing aid in emergencies. Sometimes they operate specialist services such as ski-rescue in Scotland, or helping lost or distressed motorists and hikers on Dartmoor. They have proved invaluable in floods, rescuing stranded people, saving pets from drowning and, the hardest job of all, clearing up the mess afterwards. They have even, notably in Lewisham, London, worked in hospitals, relieving hard-pressed medical staff from some of the more menial jobs.

In the Scout County of Greater London South, mobile Emergency Aid Teams provide organised, fully-trained assistance to local authorities in the location of casualties, searches, crowd control and débris clearance.

One of the most important aspects of the Scout way of life is helping others. Throughout the wide age range—from 8 to 20 years—boys and men are encouraged to serve the community.

obituary

We regret to announce the death, in November, of the Lord Middleton, KG, a President of Toc H, and an East Yorkshire Area member, **and of the following members:**

In July: Richard Wright (Louth). **In September:** John C. Morrison (Weymouth). **In October:** Emily Andrews (Eastcote), John Greenwood (Walsden), Alfred Sercombe (Fleet), George Brumpton (Barrow-on-Humber), Hilda F. Rees (Merthyr Tydfil), Charles E. Skipworth (Barrow-on-Humber). **In November:** Thomas Anderton (Downend), Gerald Filtness (Eltham), Jack S. Fisher (Constable Area member), Ethel M. Owen (Fleet), Minnie C. Owles (Trimley), Roger L. Parker (Greathouse), Harry Richardson (Hemel Hempstead).

We give thanks for their lives.

A second "Dor Knap well"

Former Administrator John Callf writes about a well in South India, paid for by contributions made at a Warden's Week at Dor Knap.

Feeling sympathy is one thing: showing it is quite another: but Toc H trains us to appreciate the difference. We may be reminded of the story years ago of the man who described in harrowing detail to a circle of bystanders the plight of a family that had fallen upon hard times. Finally a Quaker stepped forward. "Well, friend," he said, "I'm sorry one pound. How sorry art thou?"

At Dor Knap Warden's Week in 1968, Don Hope, a member from Coventry who is now training to be a missionary in Thailand, talked about poverty in India. So impressed were his fellow members that they expressed their sorrow by passing round the hat. It came back with no less than £40 in cash and promises.

There came the question of how to put this money to the best and most practical use. Eventually a letter was sent to Miss E. S. (Sue) Wilson, a missionary doing occupational therapy and rehabilitation work amongst patients of the Schieffelin Leprosy Research Sanatorium at Karigiri, near Vellore in South India. Appropriately, her home is in Childswickham, a village at the foot of Broadway Hill, in plain view from Dor Knap terrace. Had she any ideas?

Sue replied describing the plight at a weaving centre which had been set up for ex-patients on the bank of a nearby river. For much of the year this river was dried up, but in any case the only clear water ever available was from a well in the nearest village, a mile walk each way. Unfortunately the villagers were so frightened by the sight of these deformed and mutilated people that they had forbidden them to come to the well. In desperation the ex-patients had taken to going to a railway halt to beg water from the engine drivers who might or might not oblige. One woman had got badly scalded in the process.

Sue's proposal was that the patients should dig their own well. Some professional labour would be needed, and the £40 would go to finance this and to pay for the concrete cylinders that would be used for the lining.

From Dor Knap came the answer to go ahead, and the work was started. Each day's work began with a prayer, and the patients themselves dug down to nearly ten feet before the work became too hard for their deformed hands and feet. Thereafter hired labourers carried on the work and at 15 feet there was rejoicing when they struck a source of fine clear water.

Then came a good ecumenical touch. A Roman Catholic priest came with his well-drilling equipment to drain the well and enable them to dig a few more feet to put in a 20 foot bore to ensure a good all-the-year-round supply. This will relieve the patients of their great anxiety, and for them to have their own excellent well will raise their status in the eyes of the neighbouring villagers.

We remember a few years ago when a working party up at Dor Knap accidentally dug through to discover the ages-old well that had been missing for generations. Now we have a second Dor Knap well, thousands of miles away in South India. This one will give cause for even greater jubilation.

THE LORD MIDDLETON, KG.

The Lord Middleton, KG, a President of Toc H and a former Lord Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire, served our Movement, his county and the nation with distinction. He was one of a rare company of men who, though born to high estate, could meet and work with all.

He was a member of the old Malton group of Toc H and when the group achieved branch status Lord Middleton presented a Lamp dedicated to the memory of his two brothers who fell in the first world war. He attended the Albert Hall festival when the Lamp was first lit by Edward VIII, then Prince of Wales.

In 1932 the town of Malton suffered grievously from a typhoid epidemic. Led by Lord Middleton, Malton branch undertook a detailed investigation into the town's sanitation, some of which was then extremely primitive, organised volunteers to transport relatives to the isolation hospitals where patients were dangerously ill or dying and inaugurated a fund for the relief of the many families who found themselves in distress.

Lord Middleton became the first chairman of the East Yorkshire Area Executive. In his old age, as an area member, he took a great interest in the Movement's activities and spoke with pride of his association with the family of Toc H.

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Peterborough's busy year

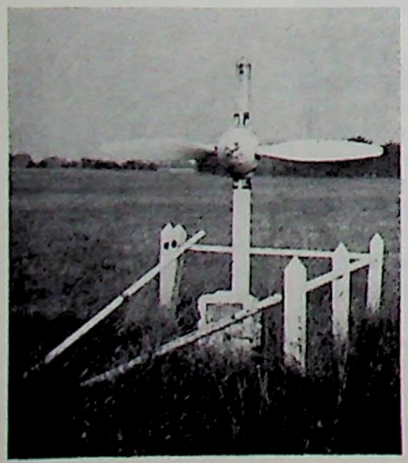
"Whilst we agree that there is little abject poverty, many elderly and infirm are down to a bare subsistence level and many more have great need of a little help in the social sense. We in Toc H try to meet this need," says Peterborough & Stamford District in its annual report to the friends who last year subscribed £276 to the District's social service fund.

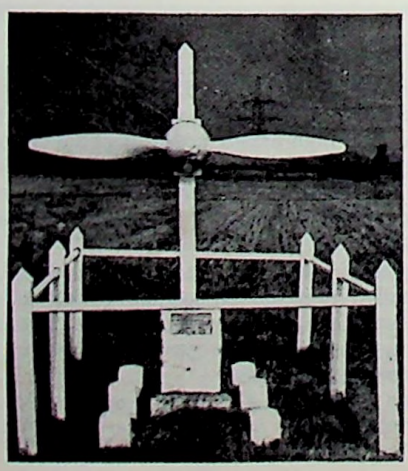
The main events of the year were the outings for 112 handicapped people and for children from a home for the mentally retarded; a trip to Twycross Zoo for 53 mentally retarded people from a training centre—a new venture this year—and a week's holiday for 24 children at Skegness. "This," says the report, "is by no means the total of our social work but is the part which incurs financial expenditure." Clearly Peterborough & Stamford is one of the growing number of Districts who see the value of District projects which make it possible to involve quite large numbers of people in the life of Toc H.

HERO PILOTS MEMORIAL IS RAYLEIGH BRANCH JOB

Around midnight on March 6, 1918, while trying to intercept a German aircraft, two British fighters collided killing the pilots, Captains Stroud and Kynoch of the RFC. The farmer on whose land the wreckage fell erected a memorial, which, since its formation in the early twenties, has been kept neat and tidy by members of Rayleigh branch.

Five years ago the propeller was stolen and a new modern one was given by Southend Airport. Damage was also caused by farm equipment recently so the branch went to work resulting in these before and after photographs. The branch kept in touch with Captain Stroud's father and even today still maintains contact with his sister, Mrs. I. Whiting living in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.





Music to cheer weary shoppers

For the second year residents of Lee, South London, were reminded not only of the story of Christmas but also of their local Toc H branch, which relayed carols over a loudspeaker system in a main shopping area. Collecting boxes helped to boost branch funds. Last year £70 was raised this way.

Norman Dean, the guiding hand behind the ambitious Hither Green hospital broadcasting studio, was responsible for the broadcast, which went out continuously from 9 am to 5 pm on December 19. Shoppers were interviewed for a specially extended programme of Christmas news interspersed with record requests.

The studio is always short of 45 rpm records, please, not 78's, in good condition, which should be sent direct to Norman Dean whose address is on page four of this issue.

Free medical centre started in Southern India

Justin Jesurdasan, Regional Commissioner for Toc H in South India, has been instrumental in launching a new group at Cannannore. The Rushlight was presented to the group on August 9 last year and 43 members were initiated on that day. The membership is mixed in race and denomination and includes eight doctors who have volunteered to run a free medical centre. The centre, which is open for two hours every Sunday, attracted no less than 40 patients on the first day.

This encouraging news comes to us from the Rev. John Cotelingam, formerly Regional Padre in South India. John is now working in the north, where there are at present no units of Toc H. He is hoping to alter that position in the near future because, he says, "I honestly feel that Toc H has a place in India today." John adds: "Can you help me to get in touch with any unit that can collect and send me used magazines and books so that I in turn can send them to Toc H members in South India? I take a pleasure in distribution for I know how difficult it is to secure good reading material in India." John's address is: 11/20 Sainagar Colony, Trimulgherry P.O., Secunderabad—15, S. India.

Guests of the Anglo-Caribbean Club enjoying their annual wine and cheese party at their clubroom in the Toc H Centre at Bristol.

Photo. Bristol Evening Post

MARKET STALLS ARE FUN, SAY RAMSGATE LADIES

From the beginning of the fruit season this year, members of Ramsgate women's branch have been busy making jam, pickles and chutney to sell on a Toc H stall on Ramsgate market day. Cakes, buns and shortbread were made and fingers crossed for good weather. Strong winds and squally showers at first depressed those who braved the weather and erected the stall, but frowns turned to smiles when the final takings added up to £51. The branch aimed for £1 less. £30 was sent to headquarters and the rest will be used for local commitments.

"In spite of the hard work there is lots of fun and reward in organising a stall and more market town branches should try it" was their final verdict.

6 year old charity walker

One of the youngest-ever participants in a charity walk must surely be 6 year old Katherine Hall, who took part in a sponsored walk organised by Sevenoaks branch which raised over £550 for local and national charities. Also among the 100 walkers—of whom only four failed to complete the 20 mile course—were nine blind boys and girls.

Sherborne may have Samaritans

Three leading members of the Samaritans organisation addressed a crowded meeting convened by Sherborne women's branch recently.

After the meeting representatives from local organisations in Yeovil and Sherborne were asked to signify whether they were interested in taking the formation of a local group further. The intention now is to call a public meeting from which a Sherborne Samaritan branch will be inaugurated.

All Hallows co-operates

The canonisation of the English Martyrs was regarded by some, both Catholic and Protestant, as a provocative action that could only harm relations between the churches. It is encouraging, therefore, to hear that those responsible for arranging the Mass on Tower Hill to mark the canonisation both requested and received the co-operation of All Hallows. In a letter to the Vicar, the Rev. Colin Cuttell, after the service, Monsignor Anthony Reynolds wrote: "I found it very telling that on the day of the canonisation of the Forty Martyrs the power for the amplifiers came from All Hallows, which, of course, means All Saints. One felt that this co-operation was one more sign that, in spite of the misgivings on the wisdom of the canonisation expressed by many, including our own people, the age of tolerance is with us."

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK OF SPRING

Gardens and parks all over the country will be planning their flower beds about now, and may be grateful for suggestions about commemorating local organisations.

Ashford branch of Toc H are experts in the preparation of planting plans and a perfect drawing of the new Toc H symbol and surround with a beautiful selection of colours and plant varieties, is available from the public relations office.

Ask your local Parks and Gardens Superintendent now—and write to Huw Gibbs for a plan before they all disappear.

Last wolf plaque for Brisbane Toc H

A plaque commemorating the killing of the last wolf in Anstey, Leics., was presented by Toc H to Albert Wells and his wife for Brisbane branch before they left to make a new home there. They will be joining their son David, who was met off the boat and offered assistance by Toc H, and the plaque is a way of saying thankyou and strengthening a friendship between the two branches which has existed for some time.

The couple also received a letter of welcome from Allen McLeish, Secretary of Western Suburbs, Queensland Area.

Cameras rolled as Colsterdale grew

York Toc H film unit, whose award for their film *In as Much* has been reported in *Point Three*, have just revealed that a complete history of the building of the Yorkshire Centre, high on the Colsterdale moor, has been completed. The film took five years to make and is in full colour.

Every sequence of the operation, with the exception of the opening which was marred by poor weather, has been faithfully recorded. There are scenes of the discovery of the broken down cottage, the first work parties, interior refurnishing, and a final one showing children from Sheffield being entertained by members of Toc H Youth Action.

The Toc H March is used as background music and the commentary is by Tom Asquith.

Have we used our opportunities?

asks S.A. Annual Report

The Women's Association of South Africa in their Annual Report for 1970 record a stimulating variety of service and new ideas for the community. Using the interpretation of the Compass as shown on the inside front cover of *Point Three* as a basis for discussion they have successfully produced a description of the Movement that will prove invaluable in future extension work.

It is right that Annual Reports should faithfully reveal the weak as much as the strong and this report is liberally sprinkled with good advice for branches who have not yet responded to the full challenge of the Compass.

"Any branches which have had an uneventful year, with little of special interest to report, would do well to have a long, hard look at the Four Points, and see where they are perhaps losing their way," the Report advises.

It is clear now that "Operation Breakthrough", the theme adopted at the 1968 South African Council, has proved a strong stimulus and there is evidence of some very bold and courageous translations of its meaning from the branches. Evenings have been devoted to listening and talking with guests of other races and in East London, members, encouraged by their Padre, met some coloured women on several occasions and ended up knitting jerseys for coloured children with them. "Friendships start within the branch," the Report stresses, "and we need to concentrate more on drawing in a variety of people and providing opportunities for them to get to know and understand each other."

Recommending that branches spend more time on programme planning and a study of the alternative ceremony of Light, the report adds, "it is only as instruments of God's will that we can work for the building of the Kingdom. Becoming effective instruments is a continuous process of learning, trying and experience."

WASHINGTON PLAY SCHEME COULD CATER FOR 750

Rita Bell, one of the hard working organisers for the Washington Play Scheme, in County Durham, has told reporters from the *Sunderland Echo* that Toc H intends to attract 750 children next year.

Running this much enlarged programme must mean vigorous recruiting of more helpers, and planning has already begun for next year's activities.

The children's ages will range from five to 11 years and they will be encouraged by various means to work and play together. "There are a lot of people in Washington who are in completely new situations," Rita explained, "and the scheme can help the children to get to know one another much better. They mix freely with children who have lived in the area all their lives and the work and play help to blend both the old and new communities."

Extra finance will be raised by coffee mornings and by encouraging the mothers to hold social functions in their homes.

Concert fan cycled six miles

Not to be outdone by a bus dispute, one elderly man cycled six miles to Blackburn to hear the Men o' Brass Concert organised by Toc H at the King George's Hall.

Proceeds of the concert are divided between LEPRA and the Family Purse. Last year's performance brought in £270.

LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Len Lines

Cuffley & Goffs Oak branch is situated in one of the more affluent parts of Hertfordshire, and in consequence finds it rather difficult when it comes to jobs. Members visit a geriatric hospital, take old people from a local home for car rides on summer evenings, do the odd spot of gardening, help the youth club, Round Table and Hospital League of Friends with their various functions, but beyond that there does not seem to be anything.

Ernie, the jobmaster (not so lethargic as the Ernie who graced the pages of the old *Journal*), deciding that we should look further afield, found some children from London's east end and arranged for them to come out to Cuffley Woods. They had a whale of a time, and so did we. They played games, consumed endless sandwiches, cakes and ice cream, and departed in high spirits, singing their heads off.

Ernie gets us to let him have flowers from our gardens and those of our friends and neighbours and takes them to an old people's mission in Shoreditch. He is now negotiating for some old people to come down and have a day out with us.

We also have some 90 to 100 blind people down from London twice a year and give them an afternoon relaxing on the vicar's lawn, a short church service for those interested (it is amazing how many like this), a tea in the Hall and a concert given by our more versatile friends. And then we send them on their way with a bag of cakes and a bunch of scented flowers.

So if any of you "rustic" branches cannot find things to do why not toddle off to the nearest town and fetch some of the needy out for the day?

Twister

"School dinner was absolutely disgusting, and I told them so when I went for my second helping."

Comment of a child of a Yorkshire member.

The Wren Club

HELP FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

John Morgan

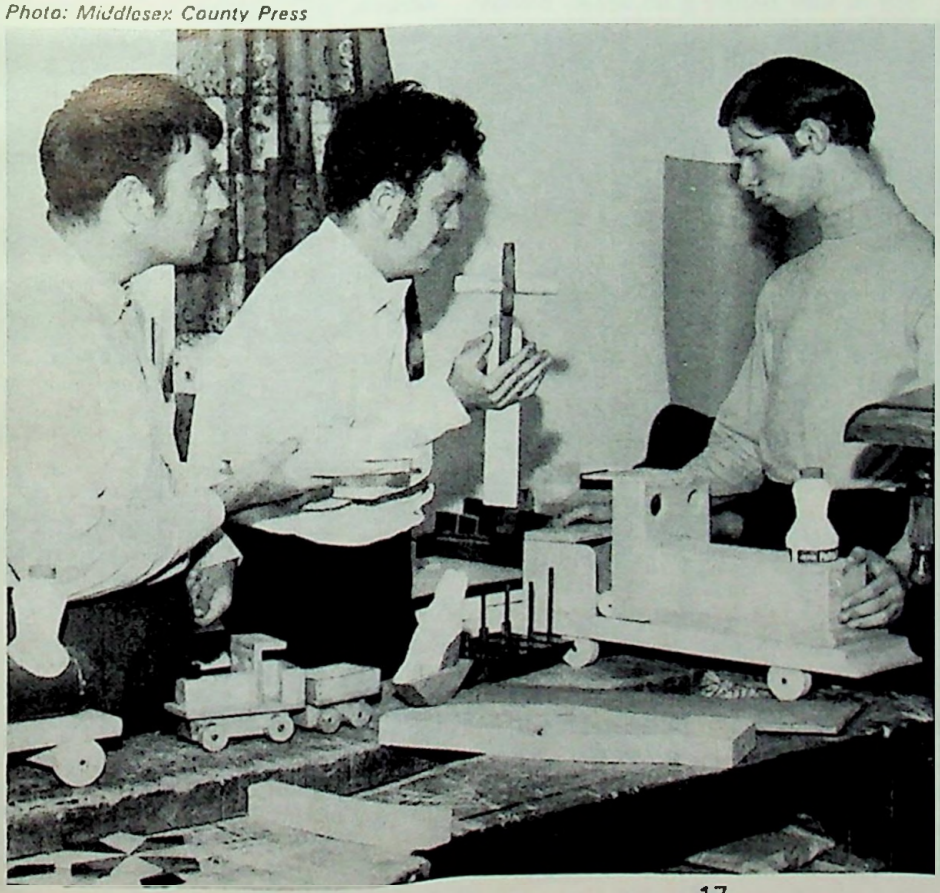
The article in the October issue of *Point Three* by Eileen Mullen was of especial interest to me as my own branch, together with Eastcote and Uxbridge women's branches, assist in the work of one of the clubs for mentally handicapped children.

The Wren Club took its name from the initials RN of Ruislip-Northwood and is run by the North Hillingdon Society for Mentally Handicapped Children. The club started its life some ten years ago in a school in Eastcote where it remained until the autumn of 1968, when it moved into its own premises at South Ruislip. These premises were paid for entirely by voluntary contributions.

Activities at first included needlework, compiling scrapbooks, knitting blanket squares, making stools and so on. As time has passed, however, the programme was enlarged to include country and ballroom dancing, table tennis, etc.—in fact most of the pastimes one would find in an average youth club. There are outings during the summer, winter visits to the pantomime and circus and, the big highlight, the Christmas party. Since the club has enjoyed its own premises, needlework and woodwork classes have been started and recently a pre-school playgroup has begun to meet, thus giving the mothers of mentally handicapped children under school age an opportunity of enjoying a morning out.

The club membership has steadily increased over the years and now numbers 60. This increase has also brought about a rise in the number of willing and voluntary helpers, but of course there can never be enough.

Photo: Middlesex County Press



Good response to Operation Optic

North Walsham branch have been very encouraged by the initial response to their appeal for old spectacles for onward transmission to the Vellore Hospital in South India (*Point Three*, November). A large consignment has been received from Welshpool, and Kingston is among the other branches which have contributed. Peter Pashley asks us to point out that only the spectacles are required, not cases. This will reduce the cost of postage. Spectacles should be sent to Peter at 33 Bradfield Road, North Walsham, Norfolk.

LIVELY GHOSTS AT SOUTH WORCS.

Edwin Mason,
District Correspondent

South Worcestershire District held a Hallowe'en guest night on the appropriate date of October 31. Though held in Studley Village hall in Warwickshire, it was within the realms of the South Worcs. District. The main emphasis was on entertainment, provided by two concert parties who gave a selection of popular solos, duets, choruses and violin solos. All this went down very well with an audience of something over 100, from as far afield as Malvern and Edgbaston. John Gardner, District chairman, gave a short account of what Toc H is and does and the evening closed with home going prayers by Regional staff man, John Mitchell.

SUPPORT FOR CITY WORK

Garforth, Yorks., women's branch raised over £190 by their special effort —a bazaar for which they worked throughout the year. £110 was forwarded to the Family Purse and the remainder was divided between Colsterdale, the Toc H training centre in Yorkshire, Ursula Lefroy's work in the West End of Newcastle, which was featured in the September issue of *Point Three*, and a local home for mentally handicapped children.

Club week success

One of the best fund-raising efforts in Cheshire during this year's Boys' Club Week was by the Toc H Boys' Club in Shavington. During the week the 50 members of the Club raised £205.

picture point

LEFT. Members, Marksmen and volunteers combined for the first time in providing parcels for the needy and elderly, using Mark V, Southampton, as a base. *Photo: Southern Echo*

BELOW. Brigg, Lincs, has proved that country and city can team up by providing a holiday for 35 underprivileged children from Balsall Heath, Birmingham.

RIGHT. Neil Thornton (23), Tubby's new ADC, gets an expert tour of the city by the one man with intimate knowledge of all of it. A graduate from Wellington University, NZ, Neil will be with Tubby until February 1972.

Photo: Sport & General

Fun and Games In Edinburgh

Frances Beeton

As the first plans for the Commonwealth Games were being made in Edinburgh, Nairn women's branch recommended that Toc H should make a real effort to give some service at the great event, so a visit was made to the Secretary of the Games Committee to see if the Toc H dormobile, Martha, could be used effectively.

The suggestion that it might be used as a canteen for stewards who might not always have time to get full meals was enthusiastically accepted, so Martha was booked for the dates and a joint Toc H committee formed in Edinburgh to make plans. During several interviews with the Executive Officer of the Games we heard there would be 700 stewards so we planned to deal with these numbers, sandwiches to be made on the spot and goods delivered to the vehicle. We were asked to start the canteen on the Monday before the Games opened so rotas were arranged for the whole fortnight, many local friends offering to help and a wonderful response from members from as far afield as Nairn and Wales, as well as a few young people from Enterprise Youth.

Things turned out very differently from what we expected and many difficulties arose. In pouring rain a large order arrived on the Monday morning, but no-one was to be seen on the site except workmen putting finishing touches to stands and grounds, so we went round to make friends with the commissionaire at the main stadium, with foremen, and anyone else we met to tell them that lunches were ready, pies in the oven and a welcome awaiting them. A few turned up and were grateful for hot drinks and pies.

We had asked for a site where there would be a water tap easily accessible and where we could readily be found, but were given a far corner of the car park. As tea was being given free by the Ceylon Tea Company we were to sell no hot drinks—or cold ones either as the commercial caterers had the rights for these—so we only had food to deal with. No stewards arrived till the Thursday of the opening, when they were to be told about us at their briefing session. However, it was learned (when on a protest visit to the administrative office) that they were being given meal vouchers, so we saw few of them at the canteen. The protest resulted in our being given a much better site on the warming up ground so we had the great interest of watching competitors exercising and a few of them from several countries came for a snack. Others who were thankful for a quick refreshment were the police, often on double duty, who became very good friends, as did many of the military and Air Force personnel involved.

Special mention must be made of the imaginative plan Nairn put in action which was of such benefit to us. A bequest had been made to the branch, and it was proposed to sponsor a lad on a course at Loch Eil. All the youth groups in the town were asked to look out for their best potential candidate and one would be selected from amongst them. All the others, should they wish to do so, would be sent to help with the Commonwealth Games project. Eventually four lads and a girl came who were given hospitality by members, and we cannot speak too highly of their help and of the fun it was having them with us. They were impressed by the great friendliness they found and have been in touch with Toc H since then. They felt they had had the holiday of their lives.

We hope most members watched the excellent TV coverage of the Games. If so they will know how intensely exciting it was to be involved with them and how carried away we were with the enthusiasm of the closing ceremony, so that when a member of the Scottish Team eagerly asked if they could borrow the Toc H banner to carry in the final triumphant procession we gladly gave it, fortunately with the agreement of one of the Welsh members whose District Team had so kindly lent it to us. We trust that pride in seeing it paraded in such a world-wide way on this wonderful occasion is some compensation for its loss, for it has not been seen since! Another is being made to replace it and will be sent off as soon as possible.

The Edinburgh Committee would like to thank all the Scottish membership for their support. We were sorry that not quite all the offers of help could be used as so many were for the same period. Many new friends were made, and if the service was not as vital as we were led to believe it would be, it was certainly a great Toc H get-together.

"Where else?"

This week the Committee for Environmental Conservation is to meet the Pedestrians' Association to discuss the threat of heavier lorries to the safety of walkers. The meeting will take place at the Society of Chiropodists.

The Guardian, 19.10.70

what's on in 1971

In addition to the bookings at Alison House and Dor Knap listed below there are several midweek bookings from outside organisations at both centres. An innovation this year is the four weekends at Dor Knap open to members from any part of the country interested in the specific subjects being covered—"The role of the central councillor", "Race relations", "Speaking about Toc H", and "The Christian basis of Toc H". Applications for these to be made to Bob Knight, HQ. A particular attraction at the Holiday Weeks at Alison House will be the Arkwright Festival being held in Cromford this summer.

On most weekends there are vacancies for members outside the Area or District concerned. Applications for Dor Knap should be made to Tommy Trinder at Dor Knap; for Alison House to Joyce Green at headquarters.

DOR KNAP					ALISON HOUSE
—	Jan.	15	—	17	*Methodist Youth Department.*
Coffee Pot, Wolverhampton		29	—	31	—
—	Feb.	5	—	7	Midland Region.
—		12	—	14	Northern Region decentralisation
South Eastern Region Projects		19	—	21	Cyprus project.
Notts. & Derby with E. Midlands		26	—	28	—
South East London	Mar.	5	—	7	*Methodist Youth Department.*
Central weekend, "Role of the Central Councillor"		12	—	14	West Midlands Area Team.
University of Reading		19	—	21	*Derbyshire Girl Guides Association.*
North London		26	—	28	East Midlands and Lincolnshire Areas.
East Surrey and East Anglia	April	2	—	4	*Sheffield Methodist Education Cttee.*
Easter party with Wednesfield Action group (Thur./Mon.)		8	—	12	—
—		15	—	18	*Presbyterian C. of E., Birmingham (Thurs./Sun.).*
Stubbings C.E.M.S. (Fri./Sat.)		16	—	17	...
Western Region (Sat./Sun.)		17	—	18	...
Beds., Herts., & North Bucks.		23	—	25	*Notts. & Derby. District Methodist Church Membership Cttee.*
Chippenham and Llanarmon-yn-lal		30	— May	2	*Salvation Army Home League, Notts. & Derby. Division*
Isle of Wight	May	7	—	9	...
...		8	—	15	*National Council for the Single Woman & her Dependants Ltd. (Bristol). (Sat./Sat.).*
Central weekend, "Race Relations"		14	—	16	...
...		17	—	22	*Mather College, Manchester. (Mon./Sat.).*
Oxford & Thames Valley and Fairfield		21	—	23	—
...		28	—	31	Spring Parks District. (Fri./Mon.).
BANK HOLIDAY SPRING FESTIVAL (Sat./Mon.). OPEN DAY Monday 31		29	—	31	...
South Western Area	June	4	—	6	"Accent on Poetry". Ldr. Keith Rea.
West Surrey		11	—	13	North Wales Area.
South Wales		18	—	20	—
Staff conference at Cambridge (no booking)		21	—	25	—
Southern Region		25	—	27	—
Cyprus project	July	2	—	4	...
...		3	—	10	*D.Pile, Derby (Sat./Sat.).*
Bristol District		9	—	11	—
Handicapped Cotswold holiday (Sat./Sat.)		17	—	24	Holiday week
Music and arts week. Rev. John Hull and Col. John Davies (apply Bob Knight, HQ) (Sat./Sat.)		24	—	31	" "
—		31	— Aug.	7	" "
Llanarmon-yn-lal week (Sat./Sat.)	Aug.	7	—	14	" "
Seniors' week (Sat./Sat.)		14	—	21	" "
The Warden's "own week" (Sat./Sat.)		21	—	28	" "
COTSWOLD MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL (Sat./Sun.)	Sept.	4	—	5	—
East Midlands		10	—	12	—
Midland and Western Regions' ranagazoo (Mon./Wed.)		13	—	15	—
Central weekend, "Speaking about Toc H"		17	—	19	
—		17	—	24	*Birmingham Epileptics Social Club (Fri./Fri.).*
Sussex		24	—	26	Michaelmas quiet weekend (apply Bordon Company, HQ).
Northern Area	Oct.	1	—	3	West Yorkshire Area
Spring Parks and S.E. London		8	—	10	Projects conference.
Western Region		15	—	17	Manchester Area.
Beds., Herts., & Nth. Bucks. and Lincs.		22	—	24	...
...		22	—	25	*Holland Teachers' Centre, geography course (Fri./Mon.).*
S. Yorks. and Wednesfield Action group		29	—	31	*Methodist Youth Department.*
Central Council (no booking)	Nov.	5	—	7	—
Clayton Volunteers		12	—	14	—
West Midlands		19	—	21	Area Treasurers' conference.
Central weekend, "Christian basis of Toc H"		26	—	28	—
Astwood Bank Baptist Youth Clubs	Dec.	3	—	5	Central Executive.

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